<u>DALAAIL U’L KHAYRAAT</u>
of: IMAM AL-JAZULI
(Rahmatullahi ‘alayh ؒ)
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1. THE FIRST MAJOR BOOK OF SALAWAAT

Dalaail u’l Khayraat (Proofs of Good Deeds) is a **kitab** (book) of **salawaat** (blessings) on our beloved Holy Prophet Sayyidina wa Mawlana Muhammad al-Mustafa ﷺ composed by Imam Muhammad bin Sulayman al-Jazuli ؒ of Morocco. He was a Shaykh in the Shazili **tariqa** (spiritual path) who traced his ancestry to Imam Hasan ibn ‘Ali ؓ, the noble Prophet’s grandson, and left his earthly existence in 870 A.H / 1465 C.E. He is considered to be one of the seven greatest **Awliya’ Allah** (Friends of Allah, **sufi** masters) of Morocco. Al-Habib ‘AbdAllah bin ‘Alawi bin Hasan al-‘Attas ؒ informs us in The Way of Bani ‘Alawi that Imam al-Jazuli had twelve thousand **muridin** (disciples). Seventy seven years after he passed ahead, his body was exhumed for re-burial in Marrakesh and it had not undergone any change. This is one of the miracles that has been recorded in books of history.

The full name of his **kitab** is Dalaail u’l Khayraat wa Shawaariq u’l Anwaar fee Zikri’s Salaati ‘ala’n Nabiyyi’l Mukhtaar (Proofs of Good Deeds and the Brilliant Burst of Sunshine in the Recitation of Blessing on the Chosen Prophet ﷺ). It is the most acclaimed, the most popular, and the most recited among books of **salawaat** on the beloved Prophet ﷺ. Just as al-Muwatta of Imam Malik ؒ is the first major book of Hadith Sharif to be compiled, Dalaail u’l Khayraat is the first major book of **salawaat**. In it, Imam al-Jazuli ؒ presents to us as a gift a precious and spontaneous composition and recitation of **salawaat** that poured out directly from his heart. The recitation is obviously from memory as is the tradition of our **‘ulama’** (learned scholars) and the spontaneous composition is from the **waaridaat** (spiritual perceptions) that Allah ﷻ poured into his heart as a reward for loving the Prophet ﷺ. It does not contain all the **salawaat** that existed in his time because that would have taken many volumes. We can understand this better when we recite the many **salawaat** of just one Imam, the great grandson of the blessed Prophet himself, namely, Imam Zayn al-‘Abidin ‘Ali ibn Husayn ibn ‘Ali ؓ (38-95 A.H / 658-713 C.E) in his huge **kitab** of supplications to Allah ﷻ titled As-Sahifa Sajjadiyyah (The Book of the Worshipper).

The mode of presentation of Imam al-Jazuli ؒ is all his own, musk-scented with the love of RasulAllah ﷺ. The writing flows smooth and fast with an exhilarating pace. This **kitab** has caught the imagination of Muslims to such an extent that many **‘ulama’** have written whole books of explanation or commentary (Arabic: **sharh**) on it. One such **sharh** was written by al-‘Allamah Mahdi Fasi ؒ titled Mataali‘ul Masarraat (The Dawns of Happiness), which has been translated into Urdu by al-‘Allamah Muhammad ‘Abdul Hakim Sharaf al-Qaadiri. These “**shuruh**” (plural of **sharh**) have been referred to, for example, by Imam Yusuf ibn Isma‘il an-Nabhaani ؒ, another Shaykh in the Shazili **tariqa**, in his book Afdalus-Salawaat (The Best of Blessings). The Dalaail has been translated into Turkish by Kara Dawud Efendi who also wrote a

commentary on it. And it has also been translated into Urdu by Shaykh Pir Muhammad Karam Shah Saheb in the **kitab** Majmu'ah Wazaaif Ma'a Dalaail u'l Khayraat (A Compendium of Regular Voluntary Invocations Together with Dalaail u'l Khayraat).

Another pleasing feature of Dalaail u'l Khayraat (Proofs of Good Deeds) is that its introduction contains **Asma u'l Husna** (the Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ) as well as **Asma u'n Nabi**, (the Blessed Attributive names of the beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ) one of which is **Dalil u'l Khayraat** (Proof of Good Deeds). Isn't that remarkable!

Dalaail u'l Khayraat is presented in eight parts. You are expected to commence recitation on Monday with the Introduction and Part One. Each part is to be recited one day of the week for ease of completion except that on Monday you complete the recitation of Part Eight as well. Each part takes about ten to twenty minutes to recite and with consistent recitation, the book can be completed in a week, and the following week you may start all over again. In this way, many a **saalik** (traveller on the spiritual path) has made Dalaail u'l Khayraat a weekly **wird** (regular voluntary invocation). And of course, at least one **juz** (part) of the Holy Qur'an is also to be recited every day.

The **muhibbin** (loving disciples) in Tariqa ash-Shaziliyyah have an annual recitation of the Dalaail in Toronto where it is recited in congregation in one sitting in about two hours. **Al-Hamdu Lillah** (All Praise is for Allah ﷻ!). **Shaytaan** becomes helplessly weak when he encounters love for the Prophet ﷺ.

Dalaail u'l Khayraat is normally printed in the ancient Muslim tradition where the text is printed in the middle and in wide borders on the sides can be found some other treasures, in this instance **Hizb u'n Nasr**, **Hizb u'l Barr** and **Hizb u'l Bahr** of Imam Abu'l Hasan Shazili, **Hizb** of Imam an-Nawawi, **Hizb** of Mulla 'Ali al-Qaari, **Hizb u'd Durril A'laa** of Shaykh u'l Akbar Muhyuddin ibn 'Arabi, **Hizb** of Ustadh al-Bayyumi, **As-Salaat u'l Mashishiyya** of Imam Abdu's Salaam bin Mashish, and **Qasida al-Munfarija**, among other **awraad** and **azkaar** (additional voluntary supplications to Allah ﷻ). Can **Qasida al-Burda** of Imam al-Busiri ever be left out? It naturally brings the **kitab** to a resounding close.

The impact of Dalaail u'l Khayraat on subsequent Muslim scholarship on the subject of **salawaat** has obviously been tremendous. One illustration suffices at this juncture. The Hizb u'l A'zam of Hadrat Mulla **'**Ali al-Qaari, a great Hanafi **'aalim** (scholar), is in seven parts, one part to be recited one day of the week. In fulfillment of the teachings of the beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to recite more **salawaat** on Fridays, Friday's recitation in his **Hizb** consists only of **salawaat**. And almost all of these **salawaat** naturally happen to be from Dalaail u'l Khayraat! (**SubhanAllah**! Glorified is Allah ﷻ!). The language of **salawaat** is the language of the heart and it is based on love.

2. THE IMPORTANCE OF SALAWAAT

The introduction to <u>Dalaail u'l Khayraat</u> explains the importance of love for the Holy Prophet ﷺ and of recitation of **salawaat** on him. The wording of one Hadith Sharif that is quoted is:

وَعَنْ اَنَسٍ اَنَّهُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَا يُؤْمِنُ اَحَدُكُمْ حَتّٰى اَكُوْنَ اَحَبَّ اِلَيْهِ مِنْ
نَفْسِهِ وَمَالِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ وَوَالِدِهِ وَالنَّاسِ اَجْمَعِيْنَ

Hadrat Anas ؓ reported that Allah's Prophetic Messenger ﷺ said, "None of you truly believes until he loves me more than himself, his wealth, his son, his father, and all people".

This Hadith has been reported in both <u>Sahih al-Bukhari</u> and <u>Sahih Muslim</u> with a slightly different wording.

If you invoke Allah's blessings on the Holy Prophet ﷺ once, Allah ﷻ blesses you ten times, according to a Hadith narrated by Hadrat 'Abdullah bin 'Amr ibn al-'Aas ؓ and reported in <u>Sahih Muslim</u>. According to another Hadith narrated by Sayyidina 'Ali ؓ and reported by Imam Tirmidhi, if you hear the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ibn 'Abdillah ﷺ mentioned and if you do not invoke Allah's blessings on him, then you are counted among the **bukhalaa** (plural of **bakheel**, the miserly). As reciting **salawaat** on the Holy Prophet ﷺ is such a good and meritorious deed, Imam al-Jazuli ؒ perhaps decided to call his **kitab** of **salawaat** <u>Dalaail u'l Khayraat</u> (Proofs of Good Deeds).

3. THE NIYYAH (INTENTION)

The **kitab** begins with the following **niyyah**.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ نَوَيْتُ بِصَلَاتِيْ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ اِمْتِثَالًا لِأَمْرِكَ وَتَصْدِيْقًا لِنَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى
اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَمَحَبَّةً فِيْهِ وَ شَوْقًا اِلَيْهِ وَ تَعْظِيْمًا لِقَدْرِهِ وَلِكَوْنِهِ اَهْلًا لِذٰلِكَ فَتَقَبَّلْهَا مِنِّيْ بِفَضْلِكَ
وَاِحْسَانِكَ وَاَزِلْ حِجَابَ الْغَفْلَةِ عَنْ قَلْبِيْ وَاجْعَلْنِيْ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِيْنَ

O Allah! I make the intention to invoke blessings on the Prophet,
may Allah bless him and grant him peace,
in compliance with Your Command and having Faith in
Your Prophet, Sayyidina Muhammad,
may Allah bless him and grant him peace;
and with love and yearning for him
and with the respect due to him as he merits that.
So, accept it from me by Your Grace and Beneficence,

and remove the veil of negligence from my heart
and make me among one of Your righteous servants.

4. SALAWAAT TAUGHT BY THE BELOVED PROPHET ﷺ

The most famous **salaat** (invocation of blessing) taught by the Holy Prophet ﷺ is of course **As-Salaatu Ibrahimiyya** which is recited in **Salah** (obligatory five times daily Prayer). This **salaat** has been reported in the blessed Hadith Sharif in <u>Sahih al-Bukhari</u> by Hadrat ‘Abd ar-Rahman ibn Abi Layla رضي الله عنه. We also find it in books of Hadith Sharif compiled by Imam Muslim, Imam Abu Dawud, Imam Tirmidhi and Imam an-Nasaai رحمهم الله as noted by Imam Yusuf an-Nabhaani رحمه الله in <u>Al-Anwaar u’l Muhammadiyyah</u> (The Muhammadan Lights). Let us recite it:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلٰى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلٰى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَجِيْدٌ ۞
اَللّٰهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلٰى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلٰى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَجِيْدٌ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
and the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
as You blessed Sayyidina Ibrahim
and the Family of Sayyidina Ibrahim.
Surely, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious.
O Allah! Bestow favours on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
as You bestowed favours on Sayyidina Ibrahim
and on the Family of Sayyidina Ibrahim.
Surely, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious.

Al-Hafiz as-Sakhawi رحمه الله compiled about forty different ways of reciting **As-Salaatu Ibrahimiyyah** that have been reported in books of Hadith Sharif, a majority of which we find interspersed in <u>Dalaail u’l Khayraat</u>. An example of one such variation as narrated in a Hadith Sharif by Hadrat ‘Abdullah ibn Mas‘ud رضي الله عنه and reported by Imam Haakim is:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَارْحَمْ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ
وَبَارَكْتَ وَتَرَحَّمْتَ عَلٰى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلٰى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَجِيْدٌ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
and the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad,
and bestow favours on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad,
and bestow mercy on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad,
as You blessed, and bestowed favours and bestowed mercy

on Sayyidina Ibrahim and on the Family of Sayyidina Ibrahim.
Surely, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious.

Besides **As-Salatu Ibrahimiyyah**, RasulAllah ﷺ also taught his **sahaba** (Companions ﵃) many other **salawaat**. We learn of one such **salaat** and its benefits from a blessed Hadith Sharif quoted by Sayyidina al-Imam al-Habib ‘AbdAllah bin ‘Alawi al-Haddad ﵁ (1044-1132 A.H.) in An-Nasaaih id-Diniyya (Sincere Religious Advices) as narrated by Hadrat Ruwayfi‘ ibn Thaabit al-Ansari ﵁ and reported by Imam Ahmad ﵀.

وَقَالَ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ: مَنْ قَالَ
اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَأَنْزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ
وَجَبَتْ لَهُ شَفَاعَتِي

And he said, may blessing and salutation be upon him,
“My intercession is obligatory on whoever recites (this **salaat**):
O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
and give him a position nearest to You on the Day of Judgement”.

Dalaail u’l Khayraat contains this **salaat** but with slightly different wording as follows:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَنْزِلْهُ الْمَنْزِلَ الْمُقَرَّبَ يَوْمَ الْقِيٰمَةِ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
and give him the nearest place on the Day of Judgement.

5. LABBAYK ALLAHUMMA LABBAYK

Allah ﷻ commands us to go for Hajj if we have the means, and when we are ready to go for Hajj, we say **Labbayk** (meaning: Here I am, ready to obey Your Command, O Allah). Allah ﷻ also commands us in the Holy Qur’an to invoke blessings and salutations on the Holy Prophet ﷺ and what a pleasant surprise it is to find a **salaat** in Part 1 of Dalaail u’l Khayraat with the relevant verse (33:56) and the response of **Labbayk** as follows:

إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ وَمَلَٰٓئِكَتَهُۥ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيِّۚ يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ صَلُّواْ عَلَيۡهِ وَسَلِّمُواْ تَسۡلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾
لَبَّيْكَ اَللّٰهُمَّ رَبِّي وَسَعْدَيْكَ صَلَوَاتُ اللهِ الْبَرِّ الرَّحِيمِ وَالْمَلٰئِكَةِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ
وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَمَا سَبَّحَ لَكَ مِنْ شَيْءٍ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللهِ خَاتَمِ

النَّبِيِّينَ وَسَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَ اِمَامِ الْمُتَّقِينَ وَ رَسُوْلِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ اَلشَّاهِدِ الْبَشِيْرِ الدَّاعِى اِلَيْكَ
بِاِذْنِكَ السِّرَاجِ الْمُنِيْرِ وَعَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

Indeed, Allah and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet.
O you who believe! Invoke (Allah's) blessings on him
and salute him with a worthy salutation. (33:56)

I am here and ready to obey You O Allah, my Lord Sustainer.
May the blessings of Allah, the Kind, the Merciful,
and the angels who are closest (to Allah ﷻ),
and the Prophets, the Truthful, the martyrs and the pious
and those of Your creation that glorify You, O Lord of the worlds,
(may the blessings of all of them)
be on Sayyidina Muhammad son of 'Abdullah
the Seal of the Prophets, the Master of the (Prophetic) Messengers (of Allah)
and the Leader of the pious,
and a (Prophetic) Messenger of the Lord of the worlds,
the Witness who brought glad tidings and who calls people to You
(O Allah) with Your permission,
who is a Shining light,
and peace be upon him.

6. THE SALAWAAT THAT EXISTED IN HIS TIME

To recapitulate, Dalaail u'l Khayraat is a spontaneous composition, and recitation from memory of **salawaat** by Imam al-Jazuli رحمه الله in the tradition of **salawaat** recitation that prevailed in his time. That being the case, we are naturally curious to find out which of the **salawaat** that we know about, already existed in his time. To find out, we have to reference books such as: Afdal-u's-Salawaat (The Best of Blessings) of Imam Yusuf an-Nabhaani, Abwaab al-Faraj (Doors of Freedom From Sorrow) and Shawaariq u'l-Anwaar (Brilliant Burst of Sunshine) of Imam As-Sayyid Muhammad bin 'Alawi al-Maliki al-Hasani, Durud Sharif (Noble Blessings) of Khwaja Nisaar (Nithaar) Ahmad (in Urdu), and Majmu'ah Wazaaif (A Compendium of Regular Voluntary Invocations) of Qaari Ridaa u'l Mustafa A'zami (in Urdu). Dalaail u'l Khayraat has thus rejuvenated Muslim scholarship through centuries.

Besides the **salawaat** taught by the blessed Prophet ﷺ, Dalaail u'l Khayraat naturally includes the **salawaat** composed by luminaries such as Imam Shafi'i رحمه الله (passed ahead in 204 A.H), Shaykh Abu'l Hasan al-Karkhi رحمه الله (the companion of Shaykh Ma'ruf al-Karkhi رحمه الله), (passed ahead in 200 A.H / 815 C.E), and Ghawth u'l A'zam Shaykh 'Abdul Qadir al-Jilani رضي الله عنه (470-561 A.H, 1077-1166 C.E). Some of the **salawaat** in Dalaail u'l Khayraat are so famous that **'ulama'** have given them specific names and explained the merits of each of them. Examples of such **salawaat** are: "**Munjiya"** (or "**Tunjina**"), "**Anwaar**", "**Kawthar**", "**Sa'adah**" and **"Uli'l**

'Azm". **As-Salaat ul-Munjiya** for example is so meritorious that we have been recommended to recite it at least a thousand times in our life-time.

Allahu Akbar (Allah is Supremely Great!).

The **salaat** by Shaykh 'Abdul Qadir al-Jilani has already been presented in the previous chapter and is not repeated here. The rest of the **salawaat** mentioned are now presented. The wording used here is of <u>Dalaail u'l Khayraat</u>. Some of these **salawaat** are sometimes reprinted in other books of **salawaat** with a slightly different wording.

Salaat by Imam Shafi'i

Imam al-Ghazali (450-505 A.H, 1058-1111 C.E) reports in <u>Ihya' 'Ulum id-Deen</u> (Revival of Religious Knowledge, Vol I, Book 2, Chapter 2) that Shaykh Abu'l Hasan al-Shafi'i saw the Holy Prophet in a dream and asked him how Imam Shafi'i had been rewarded on his behalf to which he replied that Imam Shafi'i would enter Paradise without questioning for the sake of the **salaat** he wrote in his book, <u>Ar-Risalah</u> (The Message).

SubhanAllah (Glorified is Allah!).

The **salaat** is:

وَصَلِّ اللّٰهُمَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كُلَّمَا ذَكَرَهُ الذَّاكِرُوْنَ وَغَفَلَ عَنْ ذِكْرِهِ الْغَافِلُوْنَ

And O Allah, bless Sayyidina Muhammad and the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad,
whenever he is remembered by those who remember
and whenever he is not remembered by the negligent
(that is, not leaving out anyone in the count).

Does anything make for a more total **Zikr** than this **salaat**?

Salaat by Shaykh Abi'l Hasan al-Karkhi

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ مِلْءَ الدُّنْيَا وَمِلْءَ الْآخِرَةِ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
مِلْءَ الدُّنْيَا وَمِلْءَ الْآخِرَةِ وَارْحَمْ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ مِلْءَ الدُّنْيَا وَمِلْءَ الْآخِرَةِ ۞ وَاجْزِ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ
مِلْءَ الدُّنْيَا وَمِلْءَ الْآخِرَةِ ۞ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ مِلْءَ الدُّنْيَا وَمِلْءَ الْآخِرَةِ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
and the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
(such a blessing)
that would fill this world and the next (the Hereafter),
and bestow favours on Sayyidina Muhammad

and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
that would fill this world and the next,
and bestow mercy on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
that would fill this world and the next,
and bestow a reward on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
that would fill this world and the next,
and bestow peace on Sayyidina Muhammad
and on the Family of Sayyidina Muhammad
that would fill this world and the next.

As-Salaaat u'l Munjiya

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ صَلٰوةً تُنَجِّيْنَا بِهَا مِنْ جَمِيْعِ الْاَهْوَالِ وَالْآفَاتِ وَتَقْضِى لَنَا بِهَا جَمِيْعَ الْحَاجَاتِ ۞ وَتُطَهِّرُنَا بِهَا مِنْ جَمِيْعِ السَّيِّئَاتِ ۞ وَتَرْفَعُنَا بِهَا عِنْدَكَ اَعْلَى الدَّرَجَاتِ ۞ وَتُبَلِّغُنَا بِهَا اَقْصَى الْغَايَاتِ مِنْ جَمِيْعِ الْخَيْرَاتِ فِى الْحَيَاةِ وَبَعْدَ الْمَمَاتِ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad,
such a blessing by means of which
You may save us from all terrors and oppression,
and fulfill all our needs,
and purify us of all evils,
and grant us high ranks in Your Presence,
and make us reach the utmost limit
of whatever is good in this life and after death (in the Hereafter).

Salaatu'l Anwaar

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ نُورِ الْاَنْوَارِ ۞ وَسِرِّ الْاَسْرَارِ ۞ وَسَيِّدِ الْاَبْرَارِ ۞ وَزَيْنِ الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ الْاَخْيَارِ ۞ وَاَكْرَمِ مَنْ اَظْلَمَ عَلَيْهِ اللَّيْلُ وَاَشْرَقَ عَلَيْهِ النَّهَارُ ۞ وَعَدَدَ مَا نَزَلَ مِنْ اَوَّلِ الدُّنْيَا اِلَى آخِرِهَا مِنْ قَطْرِ الْاَمْطَارِ ۞ وَعَدَدَ مَا نَبَتَ مِنْ اَوَّلِ الدُّنْيَا اِلَى آخِرِهَا مِنَ النَّبَاتِ وَالْاَشْجَارِ ۞ صَلٰوةً دَآئِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللّٰهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْقَهَّارِ ۞

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad,
who is the light of lights, the secret of secrets,
and the master of all the righteous people,
the beauty of all the chosen Prophetic Messengers عليهم السلام;
who is more noble than all those whom the night covers with darkness
and for whom the day brings brightness;

as many times as the drops of rain that fall
from the beginning of the world to its end,
and as many times as the number of plants and trees
which grow from the beginning of the world to its end;
a perpetual blessing,
as permanent as the Kingdom of Allah, The One and Only, The Subduer.

Salaat u'l Kawthar

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْاَوَّلِيْنَ ۞ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْآخِرِيْنَ ۞ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ فِي النَّبِيِّيْنَ ۞ وَصَلِّ
عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ ۞ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْمَلَأِ الْاَعْلَى اِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad among those of earlier times,
and bless Sayyidina Muhammad among those of later times,
and bless Sayyidina Muhammad among the Prophets,
and bless Sayyidina Muhammad among the Prophetic Messengers,
and bless Sayyidina Muhammad among the angels in the Highest Heavenly Assembly
till the Day of Judgement.

Salaat u's Sa'adah

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللهِ صَلٰوةً دَائِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللهِ ۞

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
as much as the (limitless) number which is in Allah's Knowledge,
a blessing that is forever, as permanent as the Kingdom of Allah.

As-Salaatu Uli'l 'Azm

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآدَمَ وَنُوْحٍ وَاِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَمُوْسَى وَعِيْسَى وَمَا بَيْنَهُمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّيْنَ
وَالْمُرْسَلِيْنَ صَلَوَاتُ اللهِ وَسَلَامُهُ عَلَيْهِمْ اَجْمَعِيْنَ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina
Nabi Muhammad, Nabi Adam, Nabi Nuh, Nabi Ibrahim, Nabi Musa and Nabi 'Isa
and all the (other) Prophets and Prophetic Messengers عليهم السلام who came in-between.
May Allah's blessings and His peace be upon them all.

This **salaat** is referred to as **As-Salaatu Uli'l 'Azm** because it contains the names of the five Prophets عليهم السلام who are considered **Uli'l 'Azm** (the Possessors of Strong Determination). They are Sayyidina Nabi Muhammad, Sayyidina Nabi Ibrahim, Sayyidina Nabi Musa, Sayyidina Nabi 'Isa, and Sayyidina Nabi Nuh عليهم السلام.

Imam Yusuf ibn Isma'il an-Nab-haani explains in <u>Afdal u's-Salawaat</u> that according to Imam al-Jazuli, if someone recites this **salaat** three times, it is equivalent in merit to reciting the whole of <u>Dalaail u'l Khayraat</u>. For this reason perhaps, we are recommended in <u>Dalaail u'l Khayraat</u> to recite this **salaat** three times.

At this juncture, let us recite **Surah al-Ikhlas** eleven times and **Surah al-Fatiha** once and supplicate to Allah to convey its **thawab** (heavenly reward) to all the Prophets, the Family and Companions of the Prophet ﷺ, the **Awliya' Allah** (Friends of Allah), and the **salihin** (the pious) who have been mentioned in this chapter.

بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ هُوَ ٱللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝١ ٱللَّهُ ٱلصَّمَدُ ۝٢ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝٣ وَلَمْ يَكُن لَّهُۥ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌۢ ۝٤

In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful.
Say! (O Prophet Muhammad): He, Allah, is One.
Allah, The Eternally Besought.
He begets not, nor is He begotten.
And there is none like Him. (112:1-4)

Al-Fatiha!

7. COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE BLESSINGS

A popular form of reciting **salawaat** is to specify the number of times a particular **salaat** is intended. For example, in part two of <u>Dalaail u'l Khayraat</u>, we come across this **salaat**:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ قَطْرِ الْأَمْطَارِ

O Allah! Bless our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad,
as many times as the number of drops of rain.

In the same way, there are **salawaat** on the Holy Prophet ﷺ as many times as are the (uncountable) Words of Allah **('adada Kalimaatika),** as many times as the Pen wrote in the Mother of Books **('adada maa jaraa bihi'l Qalamu fee Ummi'l Kitab)**, the number of stars in the sky **('adada nujumi's samaa')**, the number of leaves of trees **('adada awraaqi'l ashjaar)**, the number of women and men **('adad-an-nisaa'i wa'r-rijaal)**, and so on.

Muslims of course never become satiated in sending **salawaat** on the blessed Prophet ﷺ. A form of **salaat** that occurs most often in <u>Dalaail u'l Khayraat</u> is the one that invokes blessings a thousand times the number of days from the day Allah created the earth till the Day of Judgement. An example of one such **salaat** is:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ كُلِّ قَطْرَةٍ قَطَرَتْ مِنْ سَمٰوَاتِكَ اِلٰى اَرْضِكَ مِنْ يَوْمِ خَلَقْتَ الدُّنْيَا اِلٰى يَوْمِ الْقِيٰمَةِ فِيْ كُلِّ يَوْمٍ اَلْفَ مَرَّةٍ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad
as many times as the number of rain drops
that drop from Your heavens to Your earth
from the day You created the world till the Day of Judgement
a thousand times a day!

8. ALLAH ﷻ IS THE CREATOR

When we recite <u>Dalaail u'l Khayraat</u> we realize that one of the Attributes of Allah ﷻ that is most close to the heart of Imam al-Jazuli رحمه الله is that Allah ﷻ is the **Khaaliq** (Creator). In this **salaat**, he mentions all of the creations of Allah ﷻ in general.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلٰنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ مَخْلُوْقَاتِكَ

O Allah! Bless our Master and Patron Sayyidina Muhammad,
as many times as the number of Your creations.

In the same way, he invokes the blessings of Allah ﷻ on the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as many times as are each of the creations of Allah ﷻ, such as the number of people, the jinn, the angels and what they witness; the sky, the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars, and the heavens and what they contain; the plains, mountains, hills and valleys; the breaths, phrases, words, hair, footsteps, glances and heartbeats of people; the number of two-legged animals and four-legged animals; the number of fish, birds, bees, reptiles, ants and insects; clouds and winds; the plants, trees, branches, leaves, crops, fruits and flowers; the seas and what they contain, sweet and salty waters, rivers, fountains, the waves and the foam on the waves; the grains of sand, pebbles, stones, mud and clay; drops of rain and the dew; and he goes on and on mentioning the innumerable creations of Allah ﷻ.

سبحان الله (Glorified is Allah!).

And of course Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the best creation of Allah ﷻ, better than all the Prophets عليهم السلام and all the angels so the Imam has weaved **salawaat** together with this attribute, referring to the Prophet ﷺ as:

Atammi Khalqillah (the most Complete creation of Allah),
Ajalli Khalqillah (the most Exalted creation of Allah),
Ajmali Khalqillah (the most Beautiful creation of Allah),
Ahsani Khalqillah (the Best creation of Allah),
A'zami Khalqillah (the Greatest creation of Allah),

Afdali Khalqillah (the most Excellent creation of Allah),
Akrami Khalqillah (the Noblest creation of Allah),
Akmali Khalqillah (the most Perfect creation of Allah), and
Khayri Khalqillah (the Best creation of Allah).

9. SALAWAAT WITH ASMA' AND SIFAT UN-NABI ﷺ

There is **salawaat** on Muhammad 'Arabi ﷺ with the **Asma' un-Nabi** ﷺ (his attributive names of praise), for example:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى صَاحِبِ الْمَقَامِ الْمَحْمُوْدِ

O Allah! Bless the one raised to the Praised Station.

In the same way, there is **salawaat** on the one who physically ascended to the heavens to meet Allah **(Saahibi'l mi'raaj)**, on the one who performed miracles **(Saahibi'l mu'jizaat)**, on the Possessor of the means (to Allah's Mercy) **(Saahibi'l Wasilah)**, on the one Endowed with intercession **(Saahibi'sh-Shafa'ah)**, on the Master of the site of Witnessing **(Saahibi'l Makaani'l Mash-hud)**, and so on. Apart from the miracle of **mi'raaj**, Imam al-Jazuli رحمه الله mentions many other miracles of RasulAllah ﷺ.

Imam al-Jazuli رحمه الله also presents simple **salawaat** easy to recite and memorize with the **Asma' un-Nabi** ﷺ as follows:

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى الْبَشِيْرِ النَّذِيْرِ

O Allah! Bless the Bearer of glad tidings (of Paradise) and the Warner (against hell-fire).

In the same way, there is **salawaat** with his other **sifaat** (attributes) such as **afdalihim mawlida** (the Best of the Prophets in birth), **manin shaqqa lahu'l qamar** (the one for whom the moon cleaved into two parts), **Saaqi li'n-naasi mina'l hawd** (the quencher of the thirst of people from his Pond of Kawthar on the Day of Judgement), and so on.

When we count the **Asma' un-Nabi** and **the Sifat un-Nabi** ﷺ in the <u>Dalaail</u>, we find that they amount to more than four hundred. **Asma' un-Nabi** ﷺ are **Jamali** (Majestically Beautiful) and Imam al-Jazuli رحمه الله does not wish to miss out on the **Jalal** (Majestic Might) of **Asma' Allah** (the Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ), so he refers to them continuously. We should also note that each **salaat** contains the name of Allah ﷻ and usually begins with the supplication: **Allahumma** (O Allah!). So, when we recite **salawaat**, we are doing the **zikr** (remembrance) of Allah ﷻ as well.

الحمد لله (All Praise is for Allah).

Imam al-Jazuli ﵀ is also profuse in mentioning the names of the Prophets ﵈ and of the angels mentioned in the Holy Qur’an which is an indication of his special connection with them as well. سبحان الله (Glorified is Allah ﷻ!)

Some of the **salawaat** combine the praise of RasulAllah ﷺ in an enriching totality with a flourish of artistry as in this **salaat** which sparkles on earth as a gem and lights up the sky as does the full moon.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ اَفْضَلِ اَنْبِيَائِكَ وَاَكْرَمِ اَصْفِيَائِكَ وَاِمَامِ اَوْلِيَائِكَ وَخَاتَمِ اَنْبِيَائِكَ وَحَبِيْبِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ ۞ وَشَهِيْدِ الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ وَشَفِيْعِ الْمُذْنِبِيْنَ وَسَيِّدِ وَلَدِ آدَمَ اَجْمَعِيْنَ ۞ اَلْمَرْفُوْعِ الذِّكْرِ فِي الْمَلٰئِكَةِ الْمُقَرَّبِيْنَ ۞ اَلْبَشِيْرِ النَّذِيْرِ ۞ اَلسِّرَاجِ الْمُنِيْرِ ۞ اَلصَّادِقِ الْأَمِيْنِ ۞ اَلْحَقِّ الْمُبِيْنِ ۞ اَلرَّءُوْفِ الرَّحِيْمِ ۞ اَلْهَادِي اِلَى الصِّرَاطِ الْمُسْتَقِيْمِ ۞ اَلَّذِي آتَيْتَهُ سَبْعًا مِنَ الْمَثَانِي وَالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ ۞ نَبِيِّ الرَّحْمَةِ ۞ وَهَادِي الْاُمَّةِ ۞ اَوَّلِ مَنْ تَنْشَقُّ عَنْهُ الْاَرْضُ وَيَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ ۞ وَالْمُؤَيَّدِ بِجِبْرِيْلَ وَمِيْكَائِيْلَ اَلْمُبَشَّرِ بِهِ فِي التَّوْرَاةِ وَالْاِنْجِيْلِ ۞ اَلْمُصْطَفَى الْمُجْتَبَى الْمُنْتَخَبِ اَبِي الْقَاسِمِ ۞ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللهِ ابْنِ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ بْنِ هَاشِمٍ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad,
who is the best of Your Prophets
and the most noble of Your Purely Sincere people,
the leader of Your Friends, and the Seal of Your Prophets,
and the beloved of the Lord of the worlds,
the witness of the Prophetic Messengers of Allah
and the Intercessor for the sinners,
the leader of all the children of Prophet Adam ﵇;
whose remembrance has been exalted among the angels close to Allah,
the Bearer of glad tidings (of Paradise), the Warner (against hell-fire),
the Shining light, the Truthful, the Trustworthy, the Manifest truth,
the compassionate, the merciful, the Guide to the Straight Path (of Islam),
to whom You gave the seven often-repeated Verses (of **Surah a-Fatiha**)
and the Magnificent Qur’an,
the Prophet of mercy and the Guide of the Muslim community,
the first one for whom the earth will be split open (to be resurrected) and to enter Paradise,
and the one supported by angels Jibril and Mikaail,
glad tidings about him had been given in the Torah and the Gospel,
the Chosen one, the Selected one, the Elect, the father of Qasim,
Muhammad, son of ‘Abdullah, son of ‘Abdul Muttalib, son of Hashim.

10.PRAISE WITH EACH LETTER IN HIS NAME

It has become traditional for Muslim scholars to praise the beloved Prophet Muhammad al-Mustafa ﷺ in association with each letter in his name and Imam al-Jazuli رحمة الله عليه offers it to us in **salawaat**. The word Muhammad ﷺ means "the Praised one" and is formed using the letters **"meem"**, **"haa"** and **"daal"**. The following **salaat** uses these letters in the order "**haa**", "**meem**", and "**daal**" which forms the word "**hamd**", again meaning "praise". We also notice that this **salaat** has sprinklings from parts of the **salawaat** by Imam Shafi'i and Gawth u'l-A'zam Shaykh 'Abdul Qadir al-Jilani رضي الله عنه. It is to be recited three times.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ حَاءِ الرَّحْمَةِ وَمِيْمِ الْمُلْكِ ۞ وَدَالِ الدَّوَامِ ۞ اَلسَّيِّدِ الْكَامِلِ الْفَاتِحِ الْخَاتِمِ عَدَدَ مَا فِيْ عِلْمِكَ كَائِنٌ اَوْ قَدْ كَانَ كُلَّمَا ذَكَرَكَ وَذَكَرَهُ الذَّاكِرُوْنَ ۞ وَكُلَّمَا غَفَلَ عَنْ ذِكْرِكَ وَذِكْرِهِ الْغَافِلُوْنَ صَلٰوةً دَائِمَةً بِدَوَامِكَ بَاقِيَةً بِبَقَائِكَ لَا مُنْتَهٰى لَهَا دُوْنَ عِلْمِكَ اِنَّكَ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ

O Allah! Bless Sayyidina Muhammad,
the letter "**haa**" (in whose name) is (for) mercy,
the letter "**meem**" is for the Kingdom
and the letter "**daal**" denotes perpetuity;
who is the perfect Sayyid (master),
the Opener (of the door of Prophet-hood), the Seal (of the Prophets عليهم السلام);
as many times as is in Your Knowledge
of what is happening, will happen or what has happened,
whenever You are remembered and he is remembered
by those who remember
and whenever you are not remembered and he is not remembered
by the negligent,
(that is, not leaving our anyone in the count),
such a blessing that is permanent with Your Everlastingness,
preserved with Your Eternity,
that does not end at all without Your Knowledge,
(as nothing happens without Your Knowledge, O Allah!).
Indeed, You are Powerful over all things.

11.BLESSINGS ON HIM, HIS FAMILY AND COMPANIONS رضي الله عنهم

We love the Family of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ as well as his **Sahaba** (Companions) رضي الله عنهم. So, sometimes the **salaat** is on the Beloved Prophetﷺ, his Family as well as his Companions رضي الله عنهم, as in this instance.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَاَصْحَابِهِ الَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوْا لِنُصْرَتِهِ وَنَصَرُوْهُ فِي هِجْرَتِهِ فَنِعْمَ الْمُهَاجِرُوْنَ وَنِعْمَ الْاَنْصَارُ

May Allah bless him and his Family and his Companions,
who migrated to help him and helped him in his migration.
How excellent are the Migrants (from Makkah) and how excellent are the Helpers (of Madina)!

12.DU‘A’ BY MEANS OF ASMA’ ALLAH

There is **du‘a’** (supplication to Allah ﷻ) in each part of the Dalaail. **Du‘a’** (supplication) is only and only to Allah ﷻ but once in a while, the **‘ulama** use **tawassul** (means, mediation) and Imam al-Jazuli (رحمه الله) has also used **tawassul**, indicating that **tawassul** is allowed. For example, he supplicates to Allah ﷻ using the **wasila** (mediation) of **Asma u’l Husna** (the Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ), as in this instance.

فَأَسْأَلُكَ يَا اَللهُ يَا اَللهُ يَا اَللهُ يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ ○

لَا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِيْنَ ○

اَسْأَلُكَ بِمَا حَمَلَ كُرْسِيُّكَ مِنْ عَظَمَتِكَ وَجَلَالِكَ وَبَهَائِكَ وَقُدْرَتِكَ وَسُلْطَانِكَ ○

وَبِحَقِّ اَسْمَائِكَ الْمَخْزُوْنَةِ الْمَكْنُوْنَةِ الْمُطَهَّرَةِ الَّتِي لَمْ يَطَّلِعْ عَلَيْهَا اَحَدٌ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ ○

وَبِحَقِّ الْاِسْمِ الَّذِي وَضَعْتَهُ عَلَى اللَّيْلِ فَأَظْلَمَ ○ وَعَلَى النَّهَارِ فَاسْتَنَارَ ○ وَعَلَى السَّمٰوَاتِ فَاسْتَقَلَّتْ ○
وَعَلَى الْاَرْضِ فَاسْتَقَرَّتْ

وَعَلَى الْبِحَارِ فَانْفَجَرَتْ ○ وَعَلَى الْعُيُوْنِ فَنَبَعَتْ ○ وَعَلَى السَّحَابِ فَأَمْطَرَتْ ○

وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِالْاَسْمَاءِ الْمَكْتُوْبَةِ فِي جَبْهَةِ جِبْرِيْلَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○

وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الْمَكْتُوْبَةِ فِي جَبْهَةِ إِسْرَافِيْلَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَعَلَى جَمِيْعِ الْمَلٰئِكَةِ

وَاَسْأَلُكَ بِالْأَسْمَاءِ الْمَكْتُوْبَةِ حَوْلَ الْعَرْشِ ○ وَبِالْأَسْمَاءِ الْمَكْتُوْبَةِ حَوْلَ الْكُرْسِيِّ ○

وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الْعَظِيْمِ الْاَعْظَمِ الَّذِي سَمَّيْتَ بِهِ نَفْسَكَ

وَاَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّ اَسْمَائِكَ كُلِّهَا مَا عَلِمْتُ مِنْهَا وَمَا لَمْ اَعْلَمْ

وَاَسْأَلُكَ بِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا آدَمُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا نُوحٌ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○

وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا صَالِحٌ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا يُونُسُ عَلَيْهِ السَلَامُ
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا مُوسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا هٰرُونُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا شُعَيْبٌ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا اِبْرَاهِيمُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا اِسْمٰعِيلُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا دَاوُدُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا سُلَيْمٰنُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا زَكَرِيَّاءُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا يَحْيٰى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا يُوشَعُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا الْخَضِرُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا اِلْيَاسُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا الْيَسَعُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا ذَاالْكِفْلِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا عِيسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ○
وَبِالْاَسْمَاءِ الَّتِي دَعَاكَ بِهَا مُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ نَبِيُّكَ وَرَسُولُكَ وَحَبِيبُكَ وَصَفِيُّكَ ○
يَامَنْ قَالَ وَقَوْلُهُ الْحَقُّ ○
وَاللّٰهُ خَلَقَكُمْ وَمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ○

So I beseech You, O Allah, O Allah, O Allah,
O Ever-Living, O Self-Existing, O Lord of Majesty and Honour.

None is to be worshipped but You; Glory is to You! Indeed, I acted improperly. (21:87)

I beseech You (O Allah) by the means of what Your **Kursi** carries of Your Exaltedness,
and Your Majesty, and Your Radiance, and Your Power, and Your Sovereignty;

and by the right of Your hidden, protected, pure Names,
which none of Your creation knows about,
and by the right of the Name which You placed on the night so that it darkened,
and on the day so that it brightened,
and on the heavens so that they were raised up,
and on the earth so that it was firmly established,
and on the seas so that they flowed,
and on the water springs so that they gushed forth,
and on the clouds so that they rained.
And I beseech You by the Names which are written on the forehead of Sayyidina Jibril عليه السلام,
and by the Names which are written on the forehead of Sayyidina Israfil عليه السلام,
and on (the foreheads) of all the angels.
And I beseech You by means of the Names which are written around the Throne,
and by the means of the Names which are written around the **Kursi.**
And I beseech You by the means of Your most Mighty, Exalted Name
by which You have named Yourself,
and I beseech You by the right of all Your Names,
those which I know and those which I do not know.
And I beseech You by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Adam عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Nuh عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Salih عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Yunus عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Musa عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Harun عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Shu‘ayb عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Ibrahim عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Isma‘il عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Dawud عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Sulayman عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Zakariyya عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Yahya عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Yusha‘ عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (the saint) al-Khadir (Khidr) عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Ilyas عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) al-Yasa‘ عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Dhu’l Kifl عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) ‘Isa عليه السلام beseeched You,
and by the Names by which (Sayyidina Nabi) Muhammad ﷺ,
Your Prophet and Your Messenger, Your Beloved and Your Selected one, beseeched You.
O You Who said, and His Word is true:
And Allah has created you and what you do. (37:96)

Here ends the translation of the **tawassul**.

From whom else can we learn all this except from Imam al-Jazuli رحمة الله عليه, a direct descendant of the Prophet ﷺ?

Imam al-Jazuli رحمة الله عليه loves the **wasila** (means, mediation) of **Asma' Allah** (the Most Beautiful Names of Allah جل جلاله) so much that he has repeated it, with a slight change of wording, in another **fasl** (part) of the Dalaail. In that **fasl**, he has also included the names of such great Prophets عليهم السلام as Sayyidina Nabi Hud عليه السلام, Sayyidina Nabi Ayyub عليه السلام, Sayyidina Nabi Ya'qub عليه السلام, and Sayyidina Nabi Yusuf عليه السلام, who also beseeched Allah سبحانه وتعالى by means of his Most Beautiful Names.

الله اكبر **Allahu Akbar** (Allah is Supremely Great!)

There is more **du'a** through the means (mediation) of **Asma' Allah** and **Sifaat** (the Noble Attributes of **Allah** جل جلاله) in which the names of many Prophets عليهم السلام have been mentioned as in this instance, indicating his special relationship with the Prophets عليهم السلام.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّیْٓ اَسْاَلُكَ بِاَنَّكَ مَالِكِیْ وَسَیِّدِیْ وَمَوْلَایَ وَثِقَتِیْ وَرَجَائِیْ

اَسْاَلُكَ بِحُرْمَةِ الشَّهْرِ الْحَرَامِ ○ وَالْبَلَدِ الْحَرَامِ ○ وَالْمَشْعَرِ الْحَرَامِ ○ وَقَبْرِ نَبِیِّكَ عَلَیْهِ السَّلَامُ

اَنْ تَهَبَ لِیْ مِنَ الْخَیْرِ مَالَا یَعْلَمُ عِلْمَهٗ اِلَّا اَنْتَ ○ وَتَصْرِفَ عَنِّیْ مِنَ السُّوْءِ مَالَا یَعْلَمُ عِلْمَهٗ اِلَّا اَنْتَ ○

اَللّٰهُمَّ یَا مَنْ وَهَبَ لِاٰدَمَ شِیْثًا وَلِاِبْرَاهِیْمَ اِسْمٰعِیْلَ وَاِسْحٰقَ وَرَدَّ یُوْسُفَ عَلٰی یَعْقُوْبَ وَیَا مَنْ كَشَفَ

الْبَلَاءَ عَنْ اَیُّوْبَ وَیَا مَنْ رَدَّ مُوْسٰی اِلٰٓی اُمِّهٖ وَیَا زَائِدَ الْخَضِرِ فِیْ عِلْمِهٖ وَیَا مَنْ وَهَبَ لِدَاوٗدَ سُلَیْمَانَ ○ وَلِزَكَرِیَّا

یَحْیٰی ○ وَلِمَرْیَمَ عِیْسٰی ○ وَیَا حَافِظَ ابْنَةِ شُعَیْبٍ ○

اَسْاَلُكَ اَنْ تُصَلِّیَ عَلٰی مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰی جَمِیْعِ النَّبِیِّیْنَ وَالْمُرْسَلِیْنَ

وَیَا مَنْ وَهَبَ لِمُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّی اللّٰهُ عَلَیْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الشَّفَاعَةَ وَالدَّرَجَةَ الرَّفِیْعَةَ

اَنْ تَغْفِرَ لِیْ ذُنُوْبِیْ ○ وَتَسْتُرَ لِیْ عُیُوْبِیْ كُلَّهَا وَتُجِیْرَنِیْ مِنَ النَّارِ ○ وَتُوْجِبَ لِیْ رِضْوَانَكَ وَاَمَانَكَ وَغُفْرَانَكَ
وَاِحْسَانَكَ

وَتُمَتِّعَنِیْ فِیْ جَنَّتِكَ مَعَ الَّذِیْنَ اَنْعَمْتَ عَلَیْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِیِّیْنَ وَالصِّدِّیْقِیْنَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصّٰلِحِیْنَ
اِنَّكَ عَلٰی كُلِّ شَیْءٍ قَدِیْرٌ ○

O Allah! I beseech You because indeed You are my Owner, and my Master,
and my Patron, my Trust and my Hope.
I beseech You by the means of the sanctity of the Holy Month,
and the Holy Land (of Makkah),
and the Holy Sanctuary (the station of Muzdalifa),

and the tomb of Your Prophet, peace be upon him,
that You give me something from the goodness of which no one has knowledge except You,
and turn away from me evil of which no one has knowledge except You.
O Allah! O the One Who bestowed (Nabi) Shith عليه السلام to (Nabi) Adam عليه السلام,
and (Nabi) Isma‘il عليه السلام and Nabi Ishaq عليه السلام to (Nabi) Ibrahim عليه السلام,
and returned (Nabi) Yusuf عليه السلام to (Nabi) Ya‘qub عليه السلام.
And O You Who removed the affliction from (Nabi) Ayyub عليه السلام.
And O You Who returned (Nabi) Musa عليه السلام to his mother عليها السلام.
And O You Who increased (the saint) Khadir (Khidr) in his knowledge.
And O You Who bestowed (Nabi) Sulayman عليه السلام to (Nabi) Dawud عليه السلام,
and (Nabi) Yahya عليه السلام to (Nabi) Zakariyya عليه السلام,
and (Nabi) ‘Isa عليه السلام to Sayyidah Maryam عليها السلام.
And O You Who protected the daughter of (Nabi) Shu‘ayb عليه السلام.
I beseech You to bless Sayyidina Muhammad ﷺ
and all the Prophets عليهم السلام, and all the Prophetic Messengers عليهم السلام.
And O You Who bestowed Intercession and high rank on Sayyidina Muhammad ﷺ;
(I beseech You) that You forgive me my sins, and hide for me all my faults,
and protect me from hell-fire;
and grant me Your Approval, Safety, Pardon, and Beneficence;
and let me savour the delight in Your Paradise with those whom You have favoured
among the Prophets عليهم السلام, the Truthful, the martyrs and the virtuous.

Indeed You are Powerful over all things. (3:26)

Another **du‘a’** from the Dalaail, easy to memorize, from which we can surely benefit is:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اسْتُرْنَا بِسِتْرِكَ الْجَمِيْلِ

O Allah! Cover us (our faults) with Your Beautiful Covering.

This **du‘a’** is to be recited three times.

The **kitab** ends with a **du‘a’** for Imam al-Jazuli رحمه الله.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِمُؤَلِّفِهِ وَارْحَمْهُ وَاجْعَلْهُ مِنَ الْمَحْشُوْرِيْنَ فِيْ زُمْرَةِ النَّبِيِّيْنَ وَالصِّدِّيْقِيْنَ يَوْمَ الْقِيٰمَةِ
بِفَضْلِكَ يَارَحْمٰنُ

O Allah! Forgive the author and have mercy on him,
and raise him up in the company of the Prophets عليهم السلام and the Truthful,
on the Day of Judgement, with Your Grace, O the Most Beneficent.

It is but appropriate for us to add:

Allahumma'j 'alnaa ma'ahum

O Allah! Keep us together with them. **Ameen**.

Al-Fatiha!

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